

# *Sangamon County LEPC*

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## Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2006

During calendar year 2006, the Sangamon County LEPC convened regularly scheduled meetings on five occasions: January 19, March 16, May 18, September 21 and November 16. A quorum of our membership was present at each of these meetings. All meetings were held at the Office of the State Fire Marshal, except for the January meeting which was held at the SIU School of Medicine.

This location for the January meeting was arranged in response to an expressed interest by SIU School of Medicine for greater community involvement. A presentation of SIU School of Medicine's Resources and Risks was made for the LEPC. A tour was given of the medical school's laboratories, including a vacant area that would be put to its first use later in the year. While not at threshold quantities, numerous hazardous substances are stored in active laboratories.

The March meeting was held during the week that began with severe tornadic destruction across Sangamon County. Six different LEPC members gave reports on their storm-related activities representing emergency management, media, public health, medical, fire and regulated facilities. The LEPC also heard about a Strategic National Stockpile dispensing exercise that had been completed and about a potential future exercise that we could join with Pawnee Fire Department.

At the May meeting, 2 firefighters from Pawnee discussed their envisioned exercise to be held in October along a section of county highway closed off due to a bridge project. It could include a hazmat component. The LEPC received a tally of the Tier 2 submissions made for 2006. A total of 88 Tier 2 forms were submitted. Of these, 51 indicate storage of Extremely Hazardous Substances.

It is for these 51 EHS facilities that work is proceeding to develop site specific planning. As an independent contractor, LEPC Emergency Coordinator, Matt Helms is developing these plans. He was able to distribute the initial 2 completed plans during the May meeting to give the full LEPC an understanding for the scope of the work that he is undertaking.

By the September meeting, Matt had completed 7 site specific plans. This meeting marked the end of our LEPC's fiscal year and preceded by 10 days the end of the federal fiscal year upon which our Hazardous Materials Planning (HMEP) Grant is calculated. The LEPC re-evaluated our contract with Matt Helms based on an actual showing of the amount of work that this planning project involves. With revised compensation rates established, the LEPC approved continuing Matt's contract for the next fiscal year with a new provision for making annual updates to completed plans.

By the November meeting, Matt Helms reported the completion of 4 more site specific plans, taking the total for 2006 to 11. The LEPC heard that our HMEP Grant for FFY 2007 had been approved for \$8,550. This is a \$300 funding increase, but well short of the \$12,110 that had been applied for. The extra funds would have been used to send several members to the LEPC Conference in Winnebago County which we have not been able to do since 2005. The LEPC also heard that the Pawnee exercise had not been held as planned, due to some unforeseen circumstances.